

BRITISH ADVANCE OVER INTENSE DIFFICULTIES

Progress in Somme Sector Accomplished Against Tremendous German Advantage in Terrain and Remarkable State of Preparation - Army's Confidence Stimulated by Marked Success.

The London Telegraph prints the following account, based on information from authoritative sources, of the difficulties the British army has encountered in its advance on the Western front.

If you stand on a small knoll, about three miles north of the town of Bray-sur-Somme, and look north, you see almost at your feet a shallow and tortuous valley, running in the main east and west, with a single line of tall, thin hills rising a small range of hills.

From the knoll where you stand you can see its main watershed extending along the skyline from west to a little south of east. Parallel to this main axis, and mounting up to it, you can see the successive shelves or terraces of the range's southern slope.

On the wooded skyline beyond you can make out, with the glass, some points on or near the German third line, which is now our objective.

And gradually it must be, to appreciate some of the intense difficulties and inevitable delays of the enterprise, you have only to step down from your original post of observation and examine what remains of the old German first line.

War Time in the City of Romeo and Juliet

Verona has become more than ever a Military Centre - Austrian Air-Raiders Hardly Startle Early Morning Marketers - Scenes Under Windows of the Capulets and Montagues.

Verona, Sept. 24 - A lusty call drew me to the window this morning. A stoutish man in shirt sleeves was wending his way slowly on the street below shouting in the idiom of the Capulets and Montagues.

Verona as a Military Centre.

Verona has always been a military centre, but no one could have foreseen the battle hosts that are today; the barracks, the schools, and even school palaces are filled with soldiers of every arm.

Under Juliet's Window.

The military crowd, sunburnt and trench-worn, is so boyish and found it would undoubtedly shock the most benign of Prussian officers; it overflowed, chatting, green, mint, sylvan, and scented beneath Juliet's window, broods of the romance which broods all about it.

about Juliet's Tomb at the other end of the city of the Scaligers. The small, garden-like cloisters which shelter it are today, an oasis of green peace in a great desert of ugly military barracks teeming with soldiers.

News of Victories.

It is now dinner time for the crowd which, in the cool of the approaching evening, gathers in Piazza Bra.

The same sense pervaded the crowd of civilians and officers at the restaurant tables strung out along the porticoes of the Piazza; you could see everybody watching and waiting for the next bulletin of the military operations.

Suddenly you saw every man, as it seemed, jump from his seat and run, actually run, to meet a fast approaching group of newboys laden with "extras."

Strong Enough To Declare War on Germany.

"Now we are strong enough to declare war on Germany," interjected St. John, "if the Kaiser only try to come at us through Switzerland, we can beat them back even there; I have it straight from a staff officer."

SHIPPING NEWS

MINIATURE ALMANAC. (The time given is Atlantic Standard, one hour slower than present local time.)

Table with columns for date, sun rise, sun set, moon rise, moon set, and water levels.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Arrived Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1916. Str. Sackham, 3415, Ritchie, London.

BRITISH PORTS.

London, Sept. 22 - Arr: Str. Winnebago, Pugsley, Philadelphia.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Portland, Sept. 24 - Sid: Schs. Lillie E. Melancon, Weymouth, N. S.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Round Trip tickets will be sold \$15.30 ST. JOHN TO MONTREAL

Good Going Sept. 28, 29, 30 Returning to Oct. 16, 1916

Eastern Steamship Lines.

All-the-Way by Water. INTERNATIONAL LINE.

MANCHESTER LINE.

From Manchester. From Sept. 16. Steamers marked * take cargo for Philadelphia.

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TRANSPORTATION ADVERTISING

DONALDSON. Glasgow Passenger-Freight Service. From Glasgow. Montreal.

For information apply local agents or The Robert Reford Co., Limited, General Agents, 162 Prince William Street, St. John.

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WEST INDIES. Excellent Accommodation for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Passengers. Special Facilities for Tourists.

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ST. JOHN - FREDERICTON STEAMER HAMPTON. Will leave old May Queen wharf at 8.30 a. m. (St. John time) on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for Fredericton and intermediate ports.

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The Maritime Steamship Co., Limited. On March 3, 1916, and until further notice the S.S. Connors Bros., will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B.

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FALL EXCURSIONS INTERNATIONAL LINE. LOW FARES. ST. JOHN TO PORTLAND AND BOSTON.

Portland - \$6.50 Boston - \$7.00. Tickets and stopovers at City Ticket Office, 47 King St., also at Wharf Ticket Office.

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